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Of fifteen governors Shelby, Adair, and Desha, one-fifth, were what Mr. Cotterill thinks good Kentuckians should be. The others are all of known Virginia birth or descent, except one, Powell. George Madison was from Augusta, but his father came from King and Queen; Charles Scott was from Cumberland or Powhatan; James Clark from Louisa; William Owsley and James Garrard from the Northern Neck; Thomas Metcalfe from Fauquier; R. P. Letcher from Goochland and John Breathait from Botetourt. Chas. Slaughter Morehead, was a native of Kentucky; but his ancestors were all from east of the Blue Ridge. The same was the case with John J. Crittenden, his maternal line, especially, being among the earliest settlers of Eastern Virginia. Christopher Greenup was a Virginian, but his birth place seems to be unknown. Lazarus W. Powell was a native of Kentucky. So, in spite of the strenuous objection of Kentuckians to such people, they elected ten out of fifteen governors, who were of Virginia stock from east of the mountains and it is entirely possible that two more, Greenup and Powell, had the same taint. If Mr. Cotterill's account of the Kentucky people and their ideals is correct, all this is as astonishing as if the followers of Lenin and Trotsky should insist, year after year, on choosing Romanoffs for office.

HANDBOOK OF MANUSCRIPTS IN THE LIBRARY OF CONGRESS, WASHINGTON, GOVERNMENT PRINTING OFFICE, 1918, pp. 750.

Every one who knows anything of the manuscript collections in the Library of Congress has been anxious for just such a book as this is. Even those who may think they know the collection well will be astonished at its richness and value as revealed in this Handbook. There is hardly a branch of knowledge which is not represented. It is needless to say that this work is well done, and that the index of 205 pages makes the contents readily accessible. It is a book which every student, especially of American history, will always keep within reach of his hand.

FIGHTING BY SOUTHERN FEDERALS. In which the author places the numerical strength of the armies that fought for the Confederacy at approximately 1,000,000 men, and shown that 296,579 white soldiers living in the South, and 137,676 colored soldiers, and approximately 200,000 men living in the North that were born in the South making 634,255 southern soldiers fought for the Preservation of the Union. BY CHARLES C. ANDERSON. New York. The Neale Publishing Company, 1912, pp. 408.

The title page gives so good an idea of the contents of this remarkable book that little more need be said except that the author (a resident of Richmond and a member of this Society) has supported his thesis by immense and most careful research. He takes the campaigns and battles in order and shows as accurately as possible the part taken in each by southern men in the Union army. The latter part of the volume is an alphabetical list, and account of Southern officers in the Northern army and their records. These records were necessarily taken chiefly from United States army records and in some instances, probably looked differently from a Confederate point of view. It is a book indispensable for students of the War of 1861-65.

DESCENDANTS OF JAMES WILSON THOMAS AND ELIZA ANN JOHNSON, ALSO THE BIOGRAPHY OF JOHN LILBURN THOMAS, also containing an account of the emigration of the Thomas and Johnson families and others to Missouri, pp. 15.

MATERNAL ANCESTRY OF FRANK TRUMBULL, pp. 30.

These handsome privately printed pamphlets were prepared by Judge John Lilburn Thomas, formerly of the Supreme Court of Missouri, and his nephew Mr. Frank Trumbull of New York. They are evidently the result of very careful research and, among other families, treat of lines of descent in the Virginia families of Thomas (Albemarle and Amherst counties), Clarkson, Lewis, Randolph, Isham, Meriwether, &c.

LIFE AND LETTERS OF THE REV. JOHN PHILIP BOEHM, FOUNDER OF THE REFORMED CHURCH IN PENNSYLVANIA, 1863-1749. EDITED BY THE REV. WILLIAM J. HINKE, PH. D., D. D., PROFESSOR OF SEMETIC LANGUAGES AND RELIGION IN AUBURN THEOLOGICAL SEMINARY, Philadelphia. Publication and Sunday School Board of the Reformed Church of the United States, 1916, pp. 501, Illustrated.

Dr. Hinke, whose scholarly work in regard to the history of Germans in the American Colonies (when Germans were a different people from what they now are) is well-known, is the editor of the work. Rev. John Philip Boehm, though a German, worked under the Church of Holland, and as large numbers of his letters and pamphlets have been preserved, the editor has been enabled to give a very valuable account of the up-building of a great church. The volume is a most useful addition to the history of Pennsylvania and also to the religious history of America.